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IPFW observes World AIDS Day

by Kathy DeLagrange,
News Editor

On December 1, IPFW, the Fort Wayne-Alton County Department of Health, the AIDS Task Force of Northeast Indiana and the Community AIDS Action Team observed the twelfth annual World AIDS Day with a number of events taking place across campus. Nearly two hundred commuters use this day to increase awareness of the magnitude of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Although information regarding infections is confidential, HIV/AIDS is a reportable disease, meaning that all diagnosed cases must be reported to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta for statistical purposes. An estimated 33.4 million people worldwide were infected by HIV/AIDS as of 1999. By the year 2000, this number is expected to increase to nearly 40 million. In the United States alone, 688,200 people were reported to have been infected with the disease as of 1998. This year's theme, "AIDS and the Silence: Listen, Learn, Live" was created to promote communication with those

who are both directly or indirectly affected by HIV and AIDS.

According to Renee A. DeLong, IPFW environmental health and safety coordinator, HIV/AIDS is becoming a "monolithic" disease, most often affecting women, youth and those of racial minorities. "We're trying to get the word out to as many people as possible that this can happen to anyone," said DeLong.

Some of the day's events included free confidential HIV screenings conducted by the Fort Wayne-Alton County Department of Health from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Walk Union, Room 112. Results from the oral swab or blood test screenings will be available on campus through a consultation with a representative of the Department of Health on December 15.

Art students from the University of St. Francis brought panels decorated to convey their perceptions of the disease to display on campus. According to DeLong, eight quilt panels from the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt created by local members were also displayed from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

In addition to artistic displays, educational videos and theatrical skits were also presented throughout the day. "Philadelphia," the film starring Tom Hanks as a man suffering from both physical and social effects of HIV/AIDS, was shown from 1:30 to 3:45 p.m.

Theatrical skits written and performed by area teenagers in coordination with the AIDS Task Force of Northeast Indiana were performed from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and from 4-5 p.m. The skits were designed to help educate youth about the risks of sexual activity.

As the day came to a close, several area church leaders spoke and offered words of encouragement, hope and inspiration to all in attendance. Music was performed by David Mitchell of the Victory Singers to help conclude the day's events.

"We want to try and educate people about how this disease is transmitted and how to protect yourself from contracting the virus," said DeLong. "It's so important for people to understand how this disease is and is not transmitted and most importantly, how to prevent transmission."

Anthropology Club to present speaker

by Nathan Ericson,
Staff Writer

On December 2 at 7:30 p.m., the Anthropology Club and IPFW Student Government will welcome Alan T. Shoemaker in Walk Hall Room 101. Shoemaker will present "Ethnobotany, Ethnomedicine and the world of health: Reflections on ten years in the Amazon Jungle."

Willy Buring, president of the Anthropology Club, said Shoemaker will be speaking

about things pertinent to anthropology as well as general public health issues and trends in the 20th century.

Shoemaker has been studying in the jungles of the Amazon for the past ten years. He has been looking at the connections between Shaman herb and trance healing, natural supplement healing and the medicinal healing practices of the Amazon world.

With degrees in psychology and ethnobotany from the University of Kentucky, Shoemaker has lectured extensively in the United States, England, Switzerland, Germany

and the Netherlands. He is the author of many articles and also two books, of which he will be speaking on entitled "Grace and Madness: The Shaman's Journey."

During Shoemaker's lecture, he will also discuss new healing methods in order to

"He will be speaking of new and different ways for healing others using traditional western medicines. The program is not anthropologically specific, but open to anyone who has ever been sick," Buring said.

For more information, call 481-6674.

Phi Kappa Theta elves to join comedian at SAB's annual 'Breakfast with Santa'

by Kathy DeLagrange,
News Editor

On December 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Walk Union Ballroom, the Student Activities Board will present Breakfast with Santa, an event which will allow parents and children of the community to visit with jolly St. Nick and enjoy a buffet-style breakfast. Tickets will be \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets for the event may be purchased from Walk Union Operations and are limited to 100 children's tickets or 150 total tickets.

In addition to the breakfast, gifts and a picture taken with Santa will be provided for each child. "Phi Kappa Theta will have members dressed up



Excited kids dance about at last year's Breakfast with Santa. Photo by David Brown



The comedian Dave Rudoff performs amidst a group of enthusiastic young participants.

as elves to mingle with everyone," said Cecilia Taylor, SAB member.

According to SAB Programming Director Jenise Johnson, more than 100 people attended last year's event. Children's comedian, Dave Rudoff will be present again this year to entertain the children. "Dave was there last year and the kids really liked him, so we decided to invite him back," said Johnson. "We're also going to have a coloring contest, so it should be a good time for everyone."

For more information, contact Jenise Johnson at 481-6590.

Great American Smoke-out on campus; Students, community participate



Photo by Kathy DeLagrange, News Editor

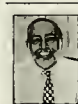
Above: Students from Lane Middle School broke through the Marlboro pinata and gathered up Great American Smoke-out hackey sacks.

Below: Nursing students provide free blood pressure screenings in the basement of Ketter Hall during the Smoke-out event.



Game of Skill winners claim prizes; Chancellor to spend day in class

by Nathan Ericson,
Staff Writer



Chancellor Wartell

This semester the IPFW Alumni Association sponsored the first-ever "Game of Skill." The winner of the Game of Skill was to guess how many parking spaces were available on campus. Tickets cost only one dollar each and the ultimate prize was worth up to twelve credit hours of tuition.

Chancellor Wartell received an "A" parking pass for a semester and third place got the chance to be chancellor for a day.

According to the Physical Plant, there are 4,251 parking spaces on campus. Of more than 650 tickets purchased for this event, only 28 tickets had the correct number. Three winners were drawn from the correct entries in order to award prizes.

Affair Officer Josh said, "This contest seemed to go over well. We had many people out there, raising spaces in hopes of winning something."

The winner of the semester of free tuition was Darryl Ummel, Barb Blauvelt won a free "A" parking pass and nursing student Michelle Rowland won the chance to become chancellor for a day.

Rowland will take the place of Chancellor Michael Wartell on December 6. Some of her duties will be to

meet with professors, the vice chancellor and to carry out the functions of the chancellor.

Chancellor Wartell will sit in for Rowland in her pediatrics and obstetrics class in the morning of the sixth. Wartell will be required to take notes and be an "A" student for the day.

The Alumni Association hopes to try another Game of Skill for the student body. "We learned a lot from doing the Game of Skill, Indiana gaming rules, the best time to sell tickets to students and most importantly, thoughts from students on a different Game of Skill," said Bosk.

If you have any ideas or would like to contribute to the next Game of Skill, contact the Alumni Office in Ketter Hall or call 481-6807.

Holiday Harmony to encourage peace, good will during holiday season

by Kathy DeLagrange,
News Editor

With the busy holiday season already upon us, it may become difficult for people to take the time to slow down and relax. On Wednesday, December 8 from 12 noon to 1 p.m., the TLC Series will host its last self-care event for the semester in Ketter Hall, Room 108.

Sponsored by the IPFW Center for Women and Returning Adults, IPFW Wellness Council and IPFW

Department of Athletics, Recreation and Intramural Sports, Holiday Harmony will offer a chance to learn communication skills and stress reduction techniques in a workshop open to the public.

"This is a special holiday workshop to help people keep the peace and joy this season," said Judy Tillapaugh, IPFW Wellness Council Coordinator. "It's so easy to feel rushed and the pressure really rises during the holiday season with shopping, cooking and various events."

According to Tillapaugh, Georgia Floyd, executive director of the Wellness Oasis, will teach a 60-second stress reduction technique that can be used at any time, in any situation.

"Communication is so important, especially at the holiday time. By allowing yourself to slow down, you can prevent the 'holiday blues' from becoming a 'holiday thump,'" said Tillapaugh.

For more information, contact Judy Tillapaugh at 481-6647.

commentary



Ignite a fire in another

by Nathan Ericson,
Staff Writer

What has this world come to? We live in a world of broken families, broken hearts and broken children. For some reason this has become the norm. We are supposed to accept and deal with it. Where does this all end? Disaster happened to responsibility for one's actions?

A story to set the scene: Two years ago I spent a spring break in Chicago at an inner city community center. The Agape Center was the name. The "Love" Center. It was a haven for the homeless and abandoned children of the neighborhood. Along with about 150 others, I spent the week helping with the after-school programs around the city. One place was a shelter for rehabilitating addicts. We painted apartments there. Another place was in "La Villa," the Spanish community. Here we helped to move in a newly purchased building. In this new building, they sponsored several after-school programs for the Hispanic children of the surrounding area.

One place that touched me in particular was a church that had an outreach to the community. These very young children were made to play games, have a snack and hear a Bible lesson. I have pictures with me of the children. I have written down their names, but the impression they left on my mind is eternal. It was when I was helping with the fire of snow on the ground. I had my winter jacket on, my boots with wool socks, my Gore-Tex shoes, and I was warm but I was still a bit chilly. I was thinking I ought to get a warmer jacket when I got there. I was there twice when I saw a young boy with shorts and a t-shirt on. He came running after me yelling, "Nate Dog! Nate Dog! Wait, wait, wait, I gotta walk me home!"

The strange thing that I only told you is that I only remember his name once. He remembered.

What did I do? I only walked him home. In fact, I carried him home on my back. He asked me, "Nate Dog, Nate Dog, because nobody else would take care of me." The evening and he was afraid of the drug dealers. This neighborhood is just next door to the worst neighborhood in the country. I was looking at the worst slums one may find and I just wanted to know what was standing on the worst in the area. A great deal of gang activity occurred there. I couldn't go in with him because we were due back at the Agape Center and we were already going to be late, but how hard it was to leave him is something that I cannot express through writing.

The strange thing here is that I only met this boy once. I will remember him forever.

I would like to know what has happened in our world to allow things like this to happen? Where are the parents? Where are the children? Why don't they step in and take care of what is theirs? Where are the teachers? Where are the parents? Why don't they shelter and love their children?

These children are the future of our country and our world. If they have nothing to live for, then how are they going to live? We must just maintain what is already here. The children need someone to love them. Love takes time. Love demands responsibility. Love produces integrity and character. Love is what carries us into the next day, hour and minute.

Because of what I have seen in my life, I have seen the pain that I have seen in myself growing up. I am starting that from this day forward. I will do the best I can to help the children and respect every one whom I come in contact with. I will most especially love the children in my life. I will be for them the ones that they loved and cherished me throughout the life. I will take responsibility for all my actions. I will be the one who will edit or worse and accept all exonerations for discipline that coincide with them.

I now challenge you, reader, to take the children in my life. I ask, it takes but a spark in one to ignite a fire in another. Find the spark in yourself and feel the fire in another.

Staff Editorial

The music scene on the sidewalks, cafeteria, ballroom, gazebo.....

promote the Great American Smokeout.

There are a lot of activities here that involve music, but how often do you hear music while walking on the sidewalks or through the hallways? Most people don't unless they happen to be near the Music Department and sometimes the theater. People often are drawn to music; however, the crowds never seem to be big enough. We propose that the everyday campus experience be filled with more music. We do not take much to fulfill our request. Anyone can bring music to the campus.

If any of you have visited the cafeteria lately, you will know what we are talking about. Christmas tunes seem to be "bouncing off the walls." The presence of Christmas tunes makes going to the cafeteria a more uplifting experience since there is rarely any music playing in the cafeteria any other time of the year.

The piano on the first floor of Walk Union brings life to the environment whenever it is played.

Speaking of bringing life to the campus, did any of you know that the clock on CN has musical capabilities? It can be programmed to play songs that the entire campus can enjoy.

Music can even be sent through an e-mail. For example, one of the members of the staff received an e-mail filled with dancing and singing animals. This person was very impressed.

We hope that the campus is graced with tunes from the CN clock once again. We encourage

the students who played before break to gather up their friends and continue to play. We look forward to your "concerts." Music is powerful. In this time of heavy stress, friends' week, and Christmas shopping, many of you fellow students could benefit from something that would give them a little peace or bring a smile to their face.

When there's music there can be no evil."

-Miguel De
Cervantes,
Spanish
novelist,
dramatist,
poet.

During this time of year, we all need a "relaxer." Music is powerful. In this time of heavy stress, friends' week, and Christmas shopping, many of you fellow students could benefit from something that would give them a little peace or bring a smile to their face.

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WHAT WE THINK: Music adds atmosphere to campus. What DO YOU THINK? Send your e-mail response to slupaper@hawaii.jpww.edu or a letter to Walk 215.

A few of us witnessed some unusual scenes on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving Break. A young man sat outside of Classroom Medical on a rock while playing his guitar. It was an upbeat rock piece. Later that afternoon, another man was playing his saxophone on a roof of the parking garage near Walk Union. His music descended upon students below. The way in which notes are put together and sung or played can have a huge effect on a person's attitude and mood. We believe music should be more abundant on campus.

In the past, the Student Activities Board has brought in several local bands such as Skavosass and Walkbombs. The local first Wayne band played for an audience on campus this summer. At the beginning of the semester, Walk Union was surrounded by violinists and trumpeters from the Mariachi Band.

WNEE was on campus a few weeks ago to

Move to Division I doesn't add up

In the past months I have read with great interest as IPFW has discussed its interest in moving to Division I-A. Although most of what has been reported could be characterized as in favor of the move, I feel that there are several issues which have been either overlooked or misinterpreted.

First of all, why is IPFW so interested in joining the Mid-Conference Conference? As someone who has worked in Division I athletics for four years, I can tell you that the MCC is nothing more than a conference of orphans. Not only does it lack geographic borders, but also through inclusion of point Division I members IUJUI, Missouri, Kansas City and Southern Utah, it lacks both stability and credibility. Furthermore, IPFW has no plans to start a football program, why not pursue admittance into the Midwestern Collegiate Conference through admittance to the "superior" MCC? Fort Wayne fans would be allowed to watch competition in a decent basketball league which includes Butler, Cleveland State and Detroit Mercy.

Prior to discussing conference affiliation, perhaps IPFW should re-examine its pursuit of Division I status by looking at its facilities and past athletic department success. With the exception of the Gates Center, IPFW has no facilities that could be regarded as Division I quality. Furthermore, even if the school did, it would not in itself guarantee success in Division I. I consider the case of IUJUI. Although IUJUI's campus is home to the 1996 Tennis Championship, the United States National Swimming and Diving Team, and has hosted the Division I Track and Outdoor National Championships, their move to recent Division I status has resulted in a tremendous lack of "on the field" success, which brings me to my next point.

Shouldn't IPFW be able to compete nationally in NCAA Division I before consid-

ering this jump to Division I-A?

Although this seems rational, it seems as if it has somehow been overlooked. As a result, it should be noted and taken into consideration that, with the exception of the men's volleyball team which has competed nationally in Division I for years, IPFW has not been able to provide another program capable of winning a Division I national championship. Furthermore, it should be noted that until IPFW can compete with Division I powerhouses like Tampa, Florida Southern and North Alabama, there is little chance of beating Division I opponents.

Finally, and most importantly, how will the move to Division I help IPFW in developing community interest and support? Through making the jump to Division I, it is logical to believe that IPFW would initially struggle. Is it too much to ask to believe that Fort Wayne fans would be turned off by consistently losing? Perhaps one could argue negatively by believing that fans would be pacified by seeing quality Division I opposition to campus instead of playing the lower echelon division opponents like Youngstown State and Oakland. One must ask themselves then if they are more willing to play these teams than IPFW's current Division I competition?

As someone who makes his career in athletics, I look forward to witnessing the evolution of IPFW athletics. I must be stated, however, that the jump to Division I does not guarantee success. IPFW should re-examine the facilities and athletic tradition necessary to attract Division I athletes and staff. Therefore, it is my hope that the school should consider these areas to ensure that the eventual jump is a successful one.

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IPSGA Update to continue

To the readers of The Communicator:

I am happy to say that IPSGA Update was a success this semester. When I started this project back in September, I did not know how this would work. Man, did it ever work. We have educated the students of IPFW about what IPSGA is doing. I do not know how many viewers have joined since the show started, but membership has increased. To this, I credit the officers of IPSGA for the blessing of this project.

It was only two years before that IPSGA was barely on television. With the good has to come the bad. It is with heavy heart that IPSGA Update host Kim Rife will be leaving College 56 after our "Best of Show" (December 31). Some students have stepped forward in hopes of becoming the new host, but no one could ever replace Kim Rife. She has done a great job as host, so with her the best of the luck to the graduates. As for me, I am staying as IPSGA Correspondent, but do want to look back to spring of 2000. The student government elections are about three months away (depending on the date of the elections which will not be announced until January).

Last year, there was only one contested race, which disappointed a lot of students. I encourage every student interested to step by Walk 225 to get a petition once the election process begins. I would like to see four contested races, like in 1998, and a date of students running for Senate and S&B. I know what you are thinking and the answer is I'll like my position as S&B. However, with this encouragement may come trouble.

As I said on the first show back in September, "It only takes one person to ruin everything." So, if you decide to run and your only goal is to cause trouble in IPSGA, my advice is "STAY OUT." IPSGA is doing so well and it does not need troublemakers to ruin the party. You might be the person responsible for IPSGA to be ruined and that is not a good story to run.

To finish off this semester, watch our Review Show on these days: December 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. This has been a great semester, and I look forward to another great spring semester. Have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Dan Westrick,
IPFW student

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bers will never be published.

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Effects of embargo on Cuban people

by Mishanna Wood, Managing Editor

Do unto others as you would want others to do to you. This phrase has been repeated over and over again to the point that it is almost worn out. It is a timeless saying that every American should know by now, yet our government does not follow this rule when it comes to dealing with our island neighbor, Cuba. The United States is always helping foreign lands, with the exception of Cuba. In fact, our country is doing just the opposite in the case of Cuba.

An embargo has plagued Cuba for forty years. This embargo worsened with the 1992 Cuban Democracy Act and the Helms-Burton Act in 1996. America is one of the few countries that does not trade with Cuba. The United States also goes so far as to punish other countries for selling items in areas of Cuba. Until recently, it was illegal for the citizens of the U.S. to visit Cuba. This country definitely goes out of its way to make life miserable for Cuba. It is the war of the diplomat; a revenge against Cuba for civil rights violations, perhaps.

In the meantime, the approximately 11 million citizens of Cuba are caught in between the clashing views of two different governments. They are the ones who suffer the most. It is difficult to obtain many everyday items such as food and medicine when you can't trade with your neighbor. Perhaps many Cubans wish to leave the island. Perhaps they all would like to go to America in search of an improved lifestyle.

Last year, approximately a half a million Cubans applied to live in the United States. Only 20,000 Cubans are accepted annually. This may lead to the search of different means to "live in America." Some people pay

\$8,000 to \$9,000 for their family members to come to America. Although the borders of Cuba are patrolled and the waters watched over by the Coast Guard, Cubans still attempt to make their way to the part of America that is closest to them, Florida.

Recently a refugee boat from Cuba had a mishap off the coast of Florida. Five year-old E l l a n Gonzalez hung on for his life to an inner tube. Gonzalez is now a symbol of the

political battle and effect that the embargo has on the people of Cuba.

His father says he was kidnapped and wants him back in Cuba, even though initially he was happy that young Gonzalez was with relatives in America. The father is supported by the Cuban Foreign Ministry.

However, U.S. authorities believe the escape was organized by the father. The U.S. has officially turned over Gonzalez to his relatives in Florida.

The father of Gonzalez says that the future of his son is in Cuba, not America. The cousin of Gonzalez says that the child's future is in America.

In the midst of all this controversy, has anyone stopped to think about what Gonzalez must be going through?

I wonder what he is thinking right now? His mother and nine others on the boat are dead. His father is miles away. He almost lost his own life. It is possible that he is living with people he has never met before in a country he may have never even seen before. He is in a completely different world and a new culture. All of these changes have occurred within a matter of days.

How many five year olds do you know who have gone through such drastic changes in such a short time?

Does Gonzalez know that he is a type of celebrity, even a hero? He has made national news. The child represents the thousands people in the United States who have come from Cuba.

What will happen to him? Both countries say he can stay. Who is to say where the best place is? Either way, I doubt

he will be making the choice of whether or not he wants to stay with Dad in Cuba or with an aunt and a cousin in Florida.

He is an innocent bystander in a political battle. Both countries should be ashamed of themselves for turning a boy into a political argument. He is a person, not a thing to be argued over. Frankly, this does not seem to be of concern. Even if it was a concern, the simple act of living in America or living in Cuba would send out a political message.

This is not the last or first refugee boat to make its way

toward Florida. However, the fate of a young kid really caught my attention. I think that when the country in which a child lives becomes a big political issue, it is time for change.

Forty years, is about half of a human lifetime of suffering for no real reason. America is one of the most advanced countries in the world. Americans pride themselves on freedom, expression and the right to do just about whatever we want. We don't like it when we can't express ourselves. We won't tolerate our freedoms to be taken away. Our country should live

up to its own standards and give the people of Cuba a break.

This country has had many disagreements with other countries, yet it is rare for it to stop trade for such an extended amount of time. Although Cuba has a communist government and the U.S. has many qualms with the island, I think the embargo should be dropped for the sake of the people. America and Cuba could benefit from the money and goods obtained through trade and a group of people could have a great deal of oppression lifted from their lives.

Tarrrtoons

by Eric Tarr, Editorial Cartoonist



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Native American artists present work on campus

by Kern Langford,
Staff Writer

Seven Native American artists presented exhibits at Walb Union on Saturday, November 20. Approximately 35 to 50 people attended the event.

"This turnout is not bad considering the competition, such as sales at the mall, football and another art-related events," said Linda Fox, director of women's studies and associate professor of Spanish. With high-caliber artists present, the show met the standards of fine arts, rather than a craft exhibit, according to Fox.

Some of the well-known artists presenting their work included Linda Yarell, Eva Howe, Sharon Patterson, Shirley Brauker, Catherine Mowry, Patricia Smith and Kaitrina Mitten. A table displaying unique art pieces made from kitchenware was for sale, but the local artist and creator of these items,

Dianna Thornhill Miller, was unable to attend.

Yarell specializes in beadwork which offered those in attendance a selection of hand-made hair accessories, handbags and jewelry, as well as cigarette cases and lighter holders. "I learned my trade by my mother," said Yarell. "I am with the Bear Clan, which includes Pokagon and Potawatomi Indians. Unusual for today is the fact I am from a full-blooded Indian father and a half-blooded Indian mother."

Howe, a student at IPFW, had leather handbags on display. In addition to having overseen the United Native American Sabbatical (UNAS) as president on campus, she also has her art exhibited at the Toast & Jam gift shop in downtown Fort Wayne. "I hope to graduate this semester," she said. It was Howe's idea to put together this exhibit of women artists. "The purpose of the exhibit is to appreciate that women are important in the Native American culture because they are the givers of birth,"

Howe said.

Brauker featured engraved clay pottery. One of her pieces was bronzed and placed at the U.S. Embassy in Washington, D.C. She has a bachelor's and masters in art from Michigan. Her work can also be seen in the Heard Museum of Arizona, one of the largest museums in the United States. Brauker and Yarell were the few chosen to be part of the travel exhibit known as "Sisters of the Great Lakes." This expensive venture took them around the U.S. for 18 months and was partially sponsored by Kellogg.

Much of Brauker's work depicts a woman's figure or her cycles in life. One of her smaller pots had stones tracing the round opening which depicts a woman coming into her own," according to Brauker. "It is tradition for my descendants, the Bear Clan, to sit a young girl down in a circle with aunts, sisters and grandmothers. This allows all to share stories that would enlighten, rather than frighten, a young girl about the things that can be expected

along the path to womanhood," said Brauker. Like many artists, Brauker travels throughout the summer and creates her work at home during the winter.

Another artist, Mowry, had paintings on display, while Smith showed gourds made into containers with lids and ornaments. Mitten specializes in making butterfly and turtle accessories out of beads and Patterson creates clothing, jewelry and leather boxes with lids. According to Fox, supporting women of all different cultures is the emphasis of Women's Studies.



Artists Mowry and Howe take time out for a pose with Patterson and Fox.

Photo by Kern Langford, Staff Writer

"The caliber of the people exhibiting today...the artists they have received...that is what Women's Studies is about," said Fox. "Nationwide, there are over 700 programs in Women's Studies, with six institutions now offering Ph.D.s. I hope that we will begin to see what most history texts leave out - women's contributions to and now."

Chemistry Club promotes student interest in science

by Erika Nordblom
Staff Writer

The Chemistry Club is an IPFW Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society. The club meets Mondays at noon in Science Building Room 437. Also known as the "mole students often congregate to study and relax. The Chemistry Club is open to chemistry majors and also to non-majors.

According to Mai Lu, biology major and secretary of the Chemistry Club, the club provides a stress-free environment in which students can gather and have fun. Club members participate in many science-related activities both on and off campus. "The reason I picked this club over any other clubs is because I like the

environment," said Lu. "We like to join together as a club and do things together."

For example, Chemistry Club members are currently involved with a Girl Scout program called "Yes She Can." This helps expose young girls to chemistry. By involving youth in various chemical experiments, they show them that chemistry can be interesting and fun.

The Chemistry Club also promotes activities and projects on campus. Their upcoming project is the production of an instructional video for IPFW chemistry professors to use in their classes. According to Lu, the video will demonstrate proper safety techniques when conducting experiments and working with chemicals. By creating this video, they hope to make it easier for professors to explain safety procedures to each new class.

Another project is the painting of the periodic table on the wall of the "mole hole." The Chemistry Club raises money for these projects by selling T-shirts and 50 cent soda pops in the "mole hole," said Lu.

The Chemistry Club also strives to assist students currently taking chemistry classes by providing free "drop-in" tutoring. Students who need help in chemistry simply have to look at the tutoring schedules posted on the fourth floor to find a time when volunteers are available to tutor them in the "mole hole," said Lu.

The Chemistry Club also sponsors seminars in which professors give chemistry-related lectures. These seminars provide students with the opportunity to meet professors outside of the classroom environment and to make chemistry classes seem less daunting to students.

Fencing Club website worth checking out

by Nathan Ericson,
Staff Writer

An interesting addition to IPFW clubs and organizations is the IPFW Fencing Club.

Their website is found at www.student.ipfw.edu/~le/c/. On their homepage, a browser provides the option to view the page in one of three languages: English, French or German. There are links to other fencing clubs at other universities, as well as a link to the United States Fencing Association (USFA).

For those who know little about fencing, it is the art of attack and defense with a sword or similar weapon. To gain points, one of the contenders must thrust the blade at the end of the sword at the opponent and touch them. The three

types of weapons involved in the sport of fencing are the foil (the basic weapon), the epee and the saber. The foil is a light and flexible sword, while the epee is a bit heavier. The saber is similar to the epee, but used in a different fashion.

The fencing club has been very busy gathering funds and competing since its inception in the fall of 1998. Since then, they have become a fully recognized USFA fencing organization. The fencing club meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Gates Sports Center and their office is located in Walb 214. They welcome anyone interested in fencing, however, they do recommend that interested persons bring something comfortable to work out in. To learn more about the club and find pictures of tournaments, check out their website.

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Health: Benefits and risks of oral contraception for women

by Amy Gam, R.N.,
Guest Writer

Oral contraception, otherwise known as the pill, is a common form of birth control. Researchers who attempted to develop a perception scale of pill users to determine their lack of knowledge found that lack of knowledge revolved around perceptions of benefits and negative aspects. To try to fill this lack, this article will explain the pill's benefits, risks and resources.

There are two basic types of the pill, each containing ingredients similar to the hor-

mones made by a woman's ovaries—estrogen and progesterone. One type is a combination pill, which contains both hormones and usually works by preventing a woman's ovaries from releasing eggs. The other type only contains progesterone and usually works by thickening cervical mucus, thereby preventing sperm from joining the egg.

In addition to prevention of pregnancy, the pill has other benefits. Many women who take the pill experience more regular, lighter and shorter periods with less cramping. The pill is simple and convenient to take. Sex

can be more spontaneous, but one must remember that the pill offers no protection against sexually transmitted diseases. Sometimes the pill can reduce the severity of acne, premenstrual syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis and iron deficiency anemia. The pill can also offer some protection against ovarian and uterine cancers, non-cancerous breast growths and ovarian cysts. Additionally, the pill may help prevent osteoporosis or brittle bones.

Although the pill is a popular form of contraception, there are some women who should not take the pill. This

includes women who smoke more than 15 cigarettes per day and are 35 or older, have high blood pressure, blood clots in the veins or lungs, unexplained vaginal bleeding, an abnormal growth or cancer of the breast or uterus, very high cholesterol levels, liver disease or diabetes. Pregnant women should not take the pill and should immediately stop if pregnancy is suspected. Women need to be under close medical supervision if they are on the pill and are overweight or at risk for heart disease.

As with all medication, side effects can occur. Some

women may experience spotting between periods, breast tenderness, nausea, vomiting or weight gain or loss. If these less serious side effects persist, switching to a different pill might help. There are also more serious side effects. One should speak with her doctor if any of the following occur: swelling or pain in the legs, sudden shortness of breath, depression or a yellowing of the skin or whites of the eyes. The risk of having a heart attack, stroke, blood clots in the veins or lungs and liver tumors increases slightly for pill users. Smoking increases these risks. Researchers who

studied mortality rates among pill users found an increase in death associated with circulatory diseases and cervical cancer, but a decrease in ovarian cancer among current pill users or users who had stopped the pill within the past ten years.

Your doctor or nurse practitioner can provide you with more information as can community resources such as Planned Parenthood. Even though the pill is a common form of birth control, it is still a drug. Consider the benefits and risks of taking the pill and ask questions. After all, it is your body.

Beck puts the smack down with "Midnite Vultures"

by Brian Lindquist,
Staff Writer

"Can't you hear those cavalry drums bipping your equilibrium?" Beck's penultimate question comes just in the nick of time, right before the last rays of sunshine hit the Earth as it is sucked into interstellar space on December 31 at midnight. Actually, "Midnite Vultures," Beck's newest full length album on Geffen Records, is as far from Busta Rhymes' "Extinction Level Event" as one could possibly get. Beck is in full-figured glory on "Midnite Vultures," which exudes mountains of voluptuous groovy rhythms. Beck Hanson, no relation to the mmm-mm Hanson's, is ripe with sexual resonance on "Midnite Vultures" and his prediction is that this album will be the greatest living monument to the achievements of the 20th century. "Nuff said."

Okay, so let's talk about the goods. What you get when you buy "Midnite Vultures" is a musical experience so cultured and extravagantly textured that you could write a master's dissertation on each

track and still not even scratch the surface. Beck is far too complicated to even begin to think about him as "just a human being." Your approach should take on the characteristics of Judge Ito's performance during the O.J. Simpson trial and adhere to the facts!

Fact number one: Beck is NOT an original founding member of Twisted Sister. It has come to my attention that there are several fraudulent websites making claims that Beck was the lead singer prior to Dee Snider. This is wrong and quite frankly, the thought that anyone would have the nerve to print such a farce gives me the heebie-jeebies.

Fact number two: Beck is NOT the love child of Gurdy Lee and Neil Sedaka. Like the Twisted Sister farce, this farce has been propagated by some MIT students angered at being caught buying term papers off the Internet. Sickenin', just sickenin'.

Fact number three: "Midnite Vultures" has some serious stereophonic booty. The first track and first single, "Sexx Laws," is an all-out assault on everything past, present and future. Mixing elements of bluegrass, hip-

hop, go-go and rock, Beck kicks out the jams from the get-go. "I'll let you be my chaperone at the halfway home, I'm a full grown man, but I'm not afraid to cry."

"Hollywood Fucks" takes a satirical jab at things currently Rock and Hip-Hop. While this is a serious track with a serious groove, the lyric tell it like it is. "Fuckin' Mr Mercedes. Probably have my baby, Shop at Old Navy...Treat you real good. Expensive jeans, Hollywood freaks on the Hollywood scene." And you thought Beck was just a "foser."

"Broken Train" starts out like a jostling Tom Waits song, if he somehow became happy. The mood quickly shifts to Beck's trademark funk/hip-hop feel, coming back to the Waits feel between choruses. "Got Real Fast" is an 80's sounding Euro-dance number complete with "vocoderized" textures. The funk is so thick on this track that it would make your mama proud. Listen to this album with your whole family!

Beck's custom blending of funk, hip-hop, country, rock and electronic makes for a listening experience equal to or surpassing a day spent at

King's Island. I know what you're thinking, "How could this be?" Trust me, it's true, all true. If you thought "Mutations" was a less than spectacular Beck album, you're wrong. However, "Midnite Vultures" is one of

those albums that falls beyond the ubiquitous trash pop lining the shelves at your favorite record shop. "Midnite Vultures" will be the album to make your next Friday night's drunken haze that much more enjoyable. Enjoy, and don't

forget to shine your pink patent leather pants before next weekend.

P.S. Go to beck.com for all things Beck and some things that aren't Beck and just some other things.



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- 4 Women and men's basketball vs. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, GC, 1 p.m., (WV) 3 p.m., (M).

- 6 International Student Services open discussion, WU 114, 12-1:15 p.m.; for information, call 6923.

- 7 Blood pressure clinic, KT 108A, noon-1 p.m.; for information, call 6284.

- 8 Book Fair, KT ground floor, 6 p.m. also Dec. 9. For information, call 6807.
- Wellness Center TLC Series: "Holiday Harmony," Georgia K. Floyd, St. Joseph Medical Center, KT 108, noon-1 p.m.; for information, call 6647.

- 9 College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), WU 116, 8:30 a.m.

- Law School Admission Test (LSAT), WU 224, 7:30 a.m.
- Career assessment group interpretation, WU 116, 9 a.m.
- Institutional SAT (ISAT), WU 112, 10 a.m.

- Dinner Series: "Buon Natale," sponsored by Focus Enterprises Inc., Auburn Inn (catered by Joshua's), 6:30 p.m., \$45 per person; for reservations, call 219-436-0524.

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Men's basketball captures Summit City Shootout championship

by Brian Miller,
Sports Editor

The IPFW men's basketball team is off to a great start, having captured its third consecutive Summit City Shootout trophy.

"It was a good tournament for us. We did some really good things," head coach Doug Noll said.

Some of IPFW's accomplishments included taking care of the basketball and generating the other team's defense, as well as getting both starting and defense out of GVC second-team guard Steve Griffin.

Griffin had a good tournament, was selected tournament MVP and hit the big shot when we needed him to hit it," said Noll.

Griffin was selected tournament MVP and forward Nick

Wise was selected to the tournament team as well.

Griffin led his team to defeat the Tri-State Thunder in the finals with 20 points and scored 24 points the night before.

Wise, one of the team's best shooters, scored 15 points against the Thunder. Wise's biggest asset, however, was on defense, where he held Tri-State big man Chad LaCrosse to only 11 points. LaCrosse scored 37 points and pulled down 17 rebounds the night before.

Freshman Reid Noll scored 17 points against Indiana Tech; however, he struggled against Tri-State, managing only five points.

Guard play from the deep IPFW bench was also a pleasant surprise to Coach Noll. "I thought Hank [Spicer] did a great job handling the ball,

All-Tournament Team

Nick Wise - IPFW
Chad LaCrosse - Tri-State
Tyson McClain - Indiana Tech
Marcus Louden - St. Francis
Steve Smith - St. Francis

MVP

Steve Griffin - IPFW

and DeAngelo Woodall and Scepter Brownlee played exceptional on the defensive end," said Noll.

However, there were some things that IPFW did that made Coach Noll's team, including the team's inability to rebound the ball.

"It's a tough physical, aggressive conference—everything that we're not. I think it's a problem that it is going to face us all season and something that we will be trying to work on as the season progresses," said Noll.

"I think it's important going into conference play on a good note," Noll said. "We're unproven and it shows that we are legit and do have a lot to prove."

The team plays Southern Indiana at 7:30 tonight and will have to rely on a deep bench to keep pace with one of the toughest powerhouses in Division II basketball.

Road to the Top

IPFW	IPFW
Indiana Tech	IPFW
St. Francis	St. Francis
Tri-State	

Women's basketball falls short in Shootout

by Brian Miller,
Sports Editor

The Summit City Shootout brings some of the best collegiate talent in the area to the Hilliard Gates Center to play in a weekend tournament.

This year's talent included the NAIA's number one ranked St. Francis Cougars, the traditionally solid Tri-State Thunder, the Indiana Tech Lady Warriors and the host, the IPFW Melodians.

After St. Francis defeated Tri-State in the first game and took a twenty-point lead into halftime against IPFW, most people expected the Cougars to breeze through the women's side the way they have in past years.

Many teams would have called it quits, thrown in the towel or any other cliché one might use, but this IPFW team fought back hard and St. Francis saw its lead diminish in a matter of minutes.

"I told the team to relax and to just take care of the ball," head coach Karl Smeko said. "I knew if we could get the lead down to ten, we could get a legitimate shot of getting back into the game."

Coach Smeko and his team did just that and won by only five points in the second half.

Free throw by senior Mandy Loveless tied the game at 64 with 7:39 to go in the game.

A jumper by Jamie Holderman gave the Dons their

first lead since 15:57 in first half.

IPFW increased the lead by as many as four points at times; however, momentum shifted when a foul was called at loveless went over the back for a rebound against St. Francis guard Melissa Eckert.

That foul sent Eckert to the line where she hit her first free throw and missed the second. Jennie Thomas rebounded the ball and was fouled, eventually tying the game at 73.

Eckert hit a three-pointer with only a minute left in the contest and IPFW was forced to foul. Charny Richardson hit the last four free throws for the Cougars to capture their third Summit City championship in as many years.

There were bright spots for the Dons; however, as they had two members of the All-Tournament team in Kara Moore and Holderman.

Moore scored 18 points, had four rebounds, dished out four assists and played 37 quality minutes.

"Kara is our workhorse. She is physical, takes care of the basketball and is a good shooter. Our offense runs through her," said Smeko.

All-Tournament Team

Charity Richardson - St. Francis
Amy Parret - St. Francis
Kara Moore - IPFW
Jamie Holderman - IPFW
Cristal Hardesty - Tri-State

MVP

Brenda Schlegel - St. Francis

Holderman scored 20 points in 27 minutes of play due to foul trouble.

"Jamie is going to be a good player for us. The players respect her and look to her for leadership. She can shoot the ball, drive and is a smart player," Smeko said.

With the win over Indiana Tech, IPFW surpassed its win total from last year; however, really may set in as the team opens up conference play tonight against Southern Indiana.

"I don't know how many games we'll win," Smeko said, "but what we will do is play hard and try to stay in every ball game and do a good job of representing the university."

Smeko is a perfectionist and demands that out of his players, personnel, officials and even out of the official book. Expect this team to only improve as the season progresses.

#	NAME	GP	PTS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	R	A	STL	BLK	PTS
1	Woodall, Deangelo	2	1	78	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
2	Reynolds, Scepter	2	1	67	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
3	Johnson, Doug	2	1	67	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
4	Smith, George	2	1	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
5	Henderson, Pelton	2	1	55	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
6	Hall, Keith	2	1	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
7	Spicer, Hank	2	1	44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
8	Reynolds, Scepter	2	1	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
9	Johnson, Doug	2	1	44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
10	Reynolds, Scepter	2	1	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
11	Reynolds, Scepter	2	1	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
12	Reynolds, Scepter	2	1	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
13	Reynolds, Scepter	2	1	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
14	Reynolds, Scepter	2	1	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
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Intramurals in full swing here at IPFW

by Brian Miller,
Sports Editor

Interested students and faculty on campus have been taking advantage of the new intramural program that J. Webb Horton and IPFW Athletics has brought to the university.

Every Tuesday night, the Gates Center opens its doors to intramural volleyball where

co-ed teams compete in four games with rally scoring. Two games are played on NCAA regulated women's size nets and two on NCAA regulated men's size nets. The team with the highest cumulative score in four games wins.

The league will finish up December 14.

The feedback has been very positive. I really enjoy seeing everyone having such a great time," Horton said. "I

hope that the Greeks, school clubs and other groups get involved and we can really turn this into something exciting."

There are many ways to get involved with the intramural program. Those interested can either stop by or leave their name and number at the help desk at the Gates Center or contact Horton at 481-6642.

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